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MEMORANDUM FOR: DEPUTY DIRECTOR

This is the first of two actions planned in connection with the Hays bill, Foreign Service Act Amendments. The first is a formal stand by the Agency supporting two benefits in the bill of general applicability to all Federal agencies and has been informally cleared through BOB, State, and the Committee staff. The second is to seek retroactivity of one of the benefits to cover our employees injured in the Saigon bombing. We do not plan to handle this item through BOB as explained in the approval memorandum.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

-6 JUL 1965

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT:

Agency Views - H.R. 6277, 8 April 1965

- 1. This memorandum contains in paragraph 8 a recommendation for the approval of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence.
- 2. H.R. 6277 was introduced on 15 March 1965 by Congressman Hays and was referred to the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on State Department Organization and Foreign Operations which he chairs. The Bill proposes a unified personnel system for employees engaged in foreign affairs functions. It also provides certain liberalizing benefits for Foreign Service personnel, as well as two benefits of general applicability for all overseas employees.
- 3. The Bill was not subject to prior clearance of the Bureau of the Budget before it was introduced. However, subsequent to its introduction, BOB insisted that certain provisions in the Bill be tightened up. The concessions to BOB in this connection are reflected in the Subcommittee Print of the Bill dated 8 April 1965.
- 4. The attachments set forth Agency interest in the Bill as identified through internal coordination. To date, all problems have

been favorably resolved. However, two matters for Agency action are still outstanding with respect to this legislation.

- 5. The first, which is the subject of this memorandum, is an official stand by the Agency supporting the two provisions in the Bill which are of general applicability to all Federal agencies having employees abroad and would be most beneficial to the Agency. While our comments on the Bill were not initially solicited by the Bureau of the Budget, BOB has indicated they would welcome an Agency report to Chairman Morgan, of the Foreign Affairs Committee.
- 6. The other outstanding action concerns the six-month administrative leave provision we are supporting in the attached report. We are attempting to have this provision made retroactive so that it would cover the cases of ten Agency employees now undergoing extensive recuperation and rehabilitation caused by line-of-duty injuries since the first of this year. These cases include Agency employees injured in the Saigon bombing. While our proposal has received warm support from the Department of State and the interested committees on the Hill, the Department of State is against clearing this matter through the Bureau of the Budget for fear that it may once again rock the boat on this legislation. The tactics to be pursued and which have been agreed upon so far by all parties concerned is to have Chairman Hays bring the question of retroactivity up as a suggestion which has been proposed to him and request Secretary Crockett's views on it in an executive session of the Subcommittee. In these circumstances, Secretary Crockett could comfortably and warmly endorse the retroactive provision.

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7. In this connection we are providing Secretary Crockett and the Subcommittee with suggested language to accomplish our objective as well as a blind memorandum detailing the types of cases that would be covered by us.

	8.	It is recommended that the Deputy Director approve the
release	\mathbf{of}	the attached letter to the Bureau of the Budget by signing
the rep	ort	to Chairman Morgan on H.R. 6277.

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON General Counsel STAT

Attachments:

- a. OGC Memorandum for DDP and DDS, dated 19 April 1965, Subject: Foreign Service Act Amendments of 1965
- b. DDS Memorandum of Conversation, dated 16 June 1965,
 Subject: H.R. 6277 Proposed Amendments to the Foreign Service Act of 1946
- c. Memorandum for the Record, dated 16 June 1965,
 Subject: Agency Action H.R. 6277, Subcommittee Print,
 8 April 1965

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8 July 1965

Mr. Phillip S. Hughes
Assistant Director for
Legislative Reference
Bureau of the Budget
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Mughes:

We wish to submit to Chairman Morgan, of the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, the views of this Agency on H. R. 6277, 89th Congress, a bill "To amend the Foreign Service Act of 1946, as amended, and for other purposes."

Enclosed is a proposed report to the Committee on this legislation. Advice is requested as to whether the Bureau of the Budget has objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

Minist.

John S. Warner Legislative Counsel

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